

# Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands



Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment  
Interim Committee

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. 2019 fire season to date
2. Interagency fire management organization in Utah
3. Shared Stewardship





# UTAH'S 2019 FIRE SEASON

- **647 wildland and urban-interface fire responses across all jurisdictions** (*406 on state & private lands*)
- **34,118 total acres burned** (*18,450 on state & private*)
- **92% caught in initial attack** (*less than 10 acres*)
- **65% human-caused, 35% lightning** (*5 yr avg=55%*)
- **However, 75% of state & local fires have** been human-caused!
- **Estimated \$2.2 million in State costs** (*\$10M total cost*)



# Interagency Fire Management

- **Master Agreement**
  - Utah Oversight Committee
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# Interagency Fire Management

## MASTER COOPERATIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFORD ACT RESPONSE AGREEMENT

### I) By THE FOLLOWING AUTHORITIES:

Reciprocal Fire Protection Act of May 27, 1955, as amended (69 Stat. 66; 42 U.S.C. 1856)  
 Disaster Relief Act of May 22, 1974, (42 U.S.C. 5121 as amended)  
 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288)  
 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (H.R. 5005-8)  
 Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5)  
 Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-295, 120 Stat. 1355)  
 National Indian Forest Resources Management Act (P.L. 101-630, Title III) (Interior Agencies)  
 Service First, Section 330 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001, Pub. L. 106-291, 114 Stat. 996, 43 U.S.C. sec. 1701 note, as amended (FS,DOI)  
 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, as included in P.L. 105-277, section 101(e);  
 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of Oct. 21, 1976, (P.L.94-579; 43 U.S.C.)(BLM)  
 NPS Organic Act (16 U.S.C.1) (NPS)  
 National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee, 80 Stat. 927, as amended) (FWS)  
 National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-57) (FWS)  
 National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600) (FS)  
 US Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts

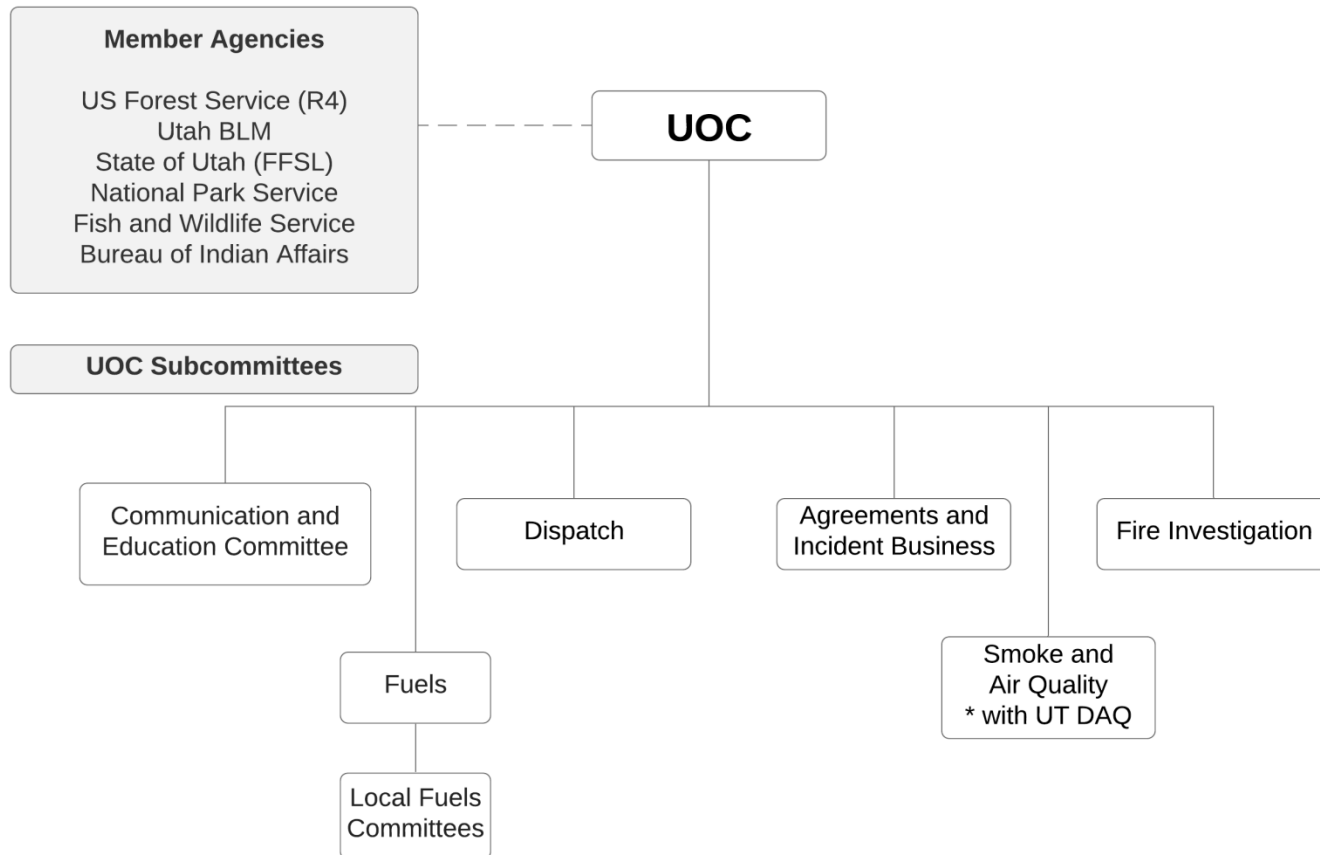
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## Utah Wildland Fire Interagency Oversight Committee (UOC)



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Utah's five  
interagency fire  
dispatch center:

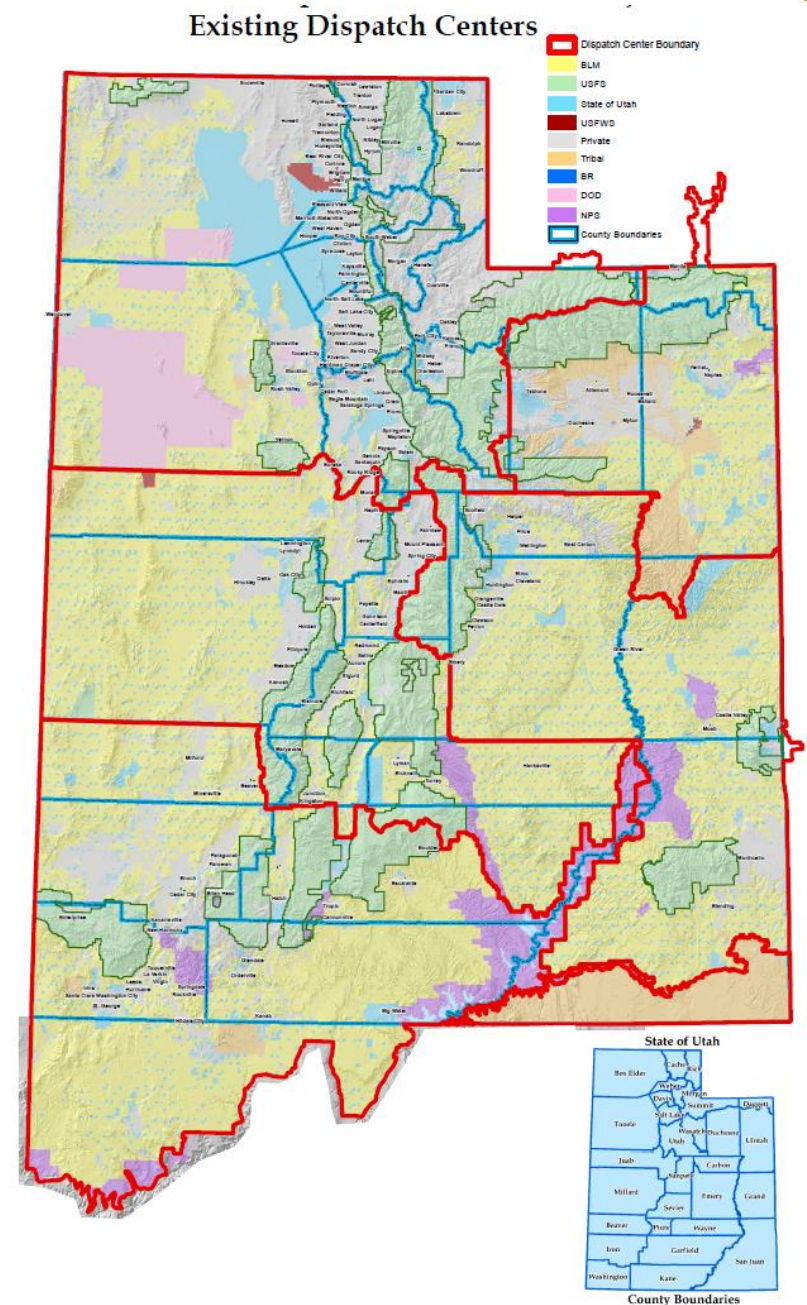
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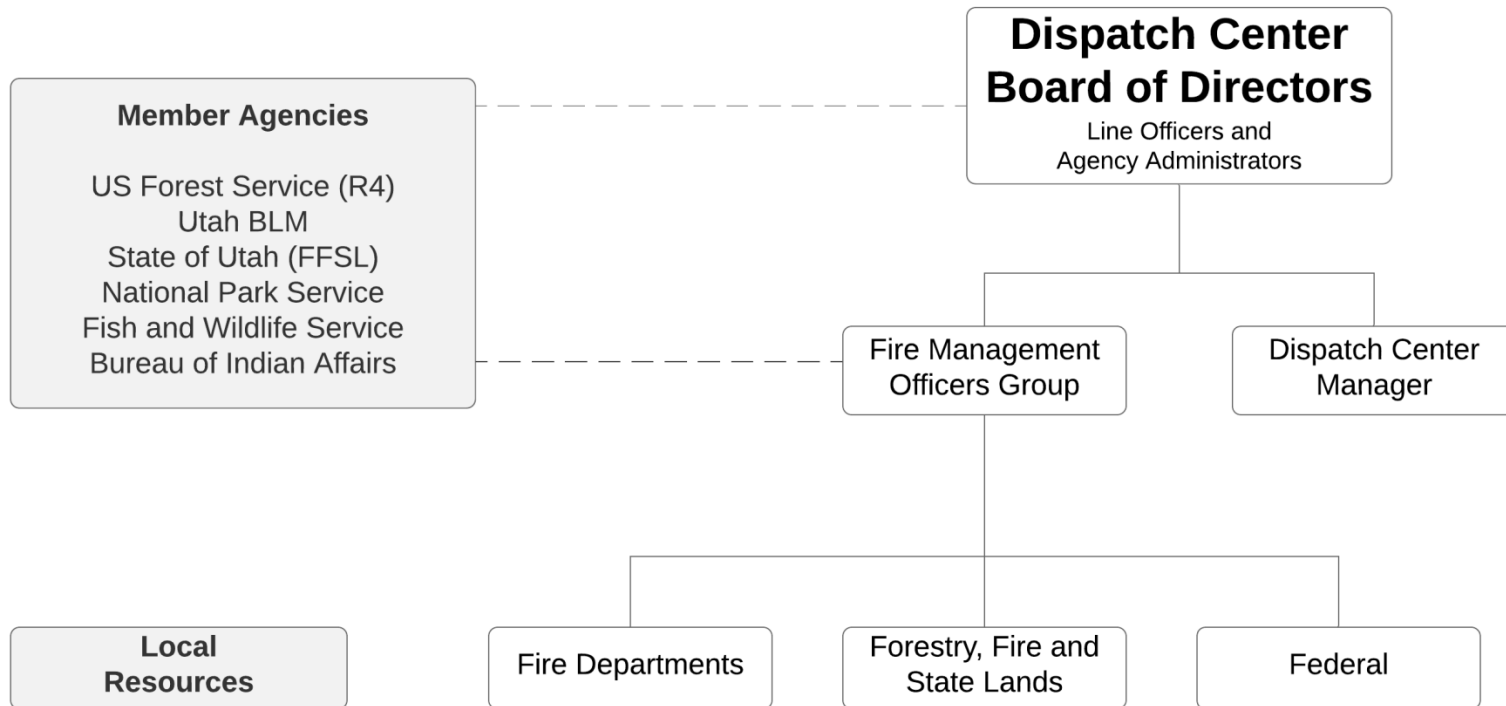
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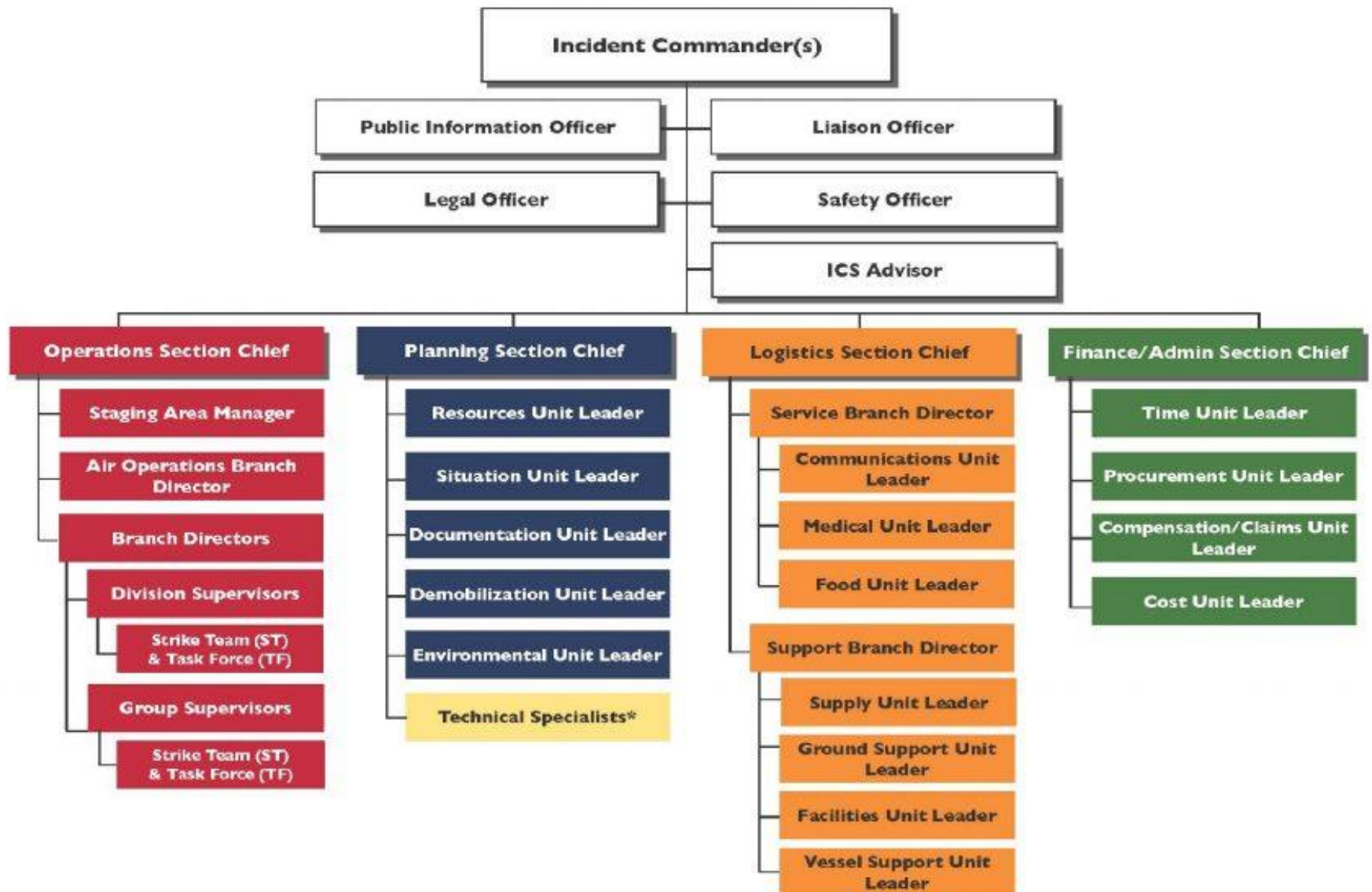
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## Interagency Dispatch Center Organization





# *Incident Command System Organization Chart*



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# Utah Shared Stewardship



United States Department of Agriculture



## AGREEMENT FOR SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Between

THE STATE OF UTAH

And the

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

This agreement for Shared Stewardship is hereby made and entered into by and between the State of Utah (State) and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (Forest Service).

### Introduction

The State of Utah and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service have developed mutual commitments to advance Shared Stewardship in Utah. This document supports the national vision and framework for Shared Stewardship. These mutual commitments developed jointly by the State and the Forest Service adapt Shared Stewardship to Utah's unique conditions and environment. This document stands as an enduring model of the relationships and mutual commitments agreed upon that will persist over time.

It is agreed that this document does not serve as an authorizing tool. The State and the Forest Service will rely on all available authorities to implement priority projects (including, but not limited to, Good Neighbor Authority, Farm Bill Authorities, Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act). Specific authorities for actions will be identified prior to project implementation and development.



## Toward Shared Stewardship Across Landscapes: An Outcome-Based Investment Strategy



Forest Service

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# Utah Shared Stewardship

## Six Mutual Commitments

- 6. We are committed to co-managing wildfire risks and supporting each other in decisions we have made together.**

The State and the Forest Service recognize that fire is an integral part of the landscape and ecosystem. There are opportunities to manage wildfire on the landscape in the right place at the right time. We are committed to supporting each other when we have identified managing wildfire as an opportunity to reduce fuels and create a safer working environment for our firefighters.



# Utah Shared Stewardship

## Co-Managing Wildfire

A new “Communication Framework” between Utah National Forests and the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is now being crafted.





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